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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ETHIOPIAN
LABOR SITUATION

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 10266 (NOTAL)

B) STATE 236169

1. ON OCTOBER 13 EMBASSY ADDIS ABABA RECEIVED RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER OF SEPTEMBER 7 TO THE MINISTRY OF LABOR REGARDING ARAMCO'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL LABOR SITUATION. WHILE THE RESPONSE DOES NOT ABSOLUTELY FORBID ARAMCO FROM ATTEMPTING TO RECRUIT ETHIOPIAN WORKERS, THE TONE IS SUFFICIENTLY NEGATIVE TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE THAT THE EPMG WOULD PROBABLY NOT ALLOW THE SKILLED WORKERS ARAMCO IS SEEKING TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA TO WORK IN SAUDI ARABIA.

2. THE RESPONSE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES:".....
IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT MEDICAL DOCTORS, NURSES, ENGINEERS, AUTO MECHANICS ETC. WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS WE DON'T HAVE SUCH SKILLED PEOPLE IN OUR UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 19 PROCLAMATION NO. 64, 1975 OF THE LABOR LAW THOSE SKILLED ETHIOPIANS WHO CANNOT BE ABSORBED INTO THE DOMESTIC LABOR MARKET CAN BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO GO ABROAD FOR EMPLOYMENT PROVIDED THEY CAN SUBMIT THE PERSONAL DOCUMENT FOR GUARANTEEING THEIR EMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, SUCH PERMISSION IS GRANTED AFTER STUDYING THE APPLICANT'S
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INDIVIDUAL CASE AND CHECKING THE VALIDITY OF HIS (HER)

QUALIFICATIONS AND THAT HE(SHE) CANNOT GET EMPLOYMENT DOMESTICALLY
DESPITE HIS(HER) SKILL".
EMBASSY IS POUCHING PHOTOCOPY OF THE RESPONSE TO AF/E.

3. REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM ARAMCO OF THE ABOVE.
IN VIEW OF THE RESPONSE, EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN ANY FURTHER
ACTIONS IN THE CASE AND RECOMMENDS THAT ARAMCO DROP
ETHIOPIA AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF LABOR.
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